

This brochure is provided as a general summary of the steps required to become accredited as an asbestos abatement worker, contractor/supervisor, inspector, management planner, or project designer in the state of Michigan.

THE CSHD - ASBESTOS PROGRAM

The Construction Safety and Health Division (CSHD) - Asbestos Program was initiated in September 1986. It is a section within the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG), Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA). The primary function of the program is to ensure that people working with asbestos are properly trained and that individuals performing asbestos abatement comply with rules governing the work activity. These rules are designed to protect not only the individual employee performing asbestos abatement work, but also members of the general public who occupy the area or building in which the work occurs.

INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED TO BECOME ACCREDITED

Removal, encapsulation, and enclosure operations must be performed carefully. Poorly performed work can cause a greater exposure problem than it eliminates. Workers who do not remove asbestos material wet or damage the material during encapsulation or enclosure can cause a release of asbestos fibers. If fiber release is not properly contained in the work area, workers will be exposed and widespread contamination of the building will occur. Therefore, the state of Michigan has requirements for individuals working in the asbestos industry. The first is to obtain and pass the appropriate training course and the second is to obtain accreditation from the state of Michigan.

A person shall not engage in any of the following work activities without receiving a certificate of accreditation from the Asbestos Program:

1. Conduct or supervise friable asbestos removal or encasulation for a licensed asbestos abatement contractor.
2. Inspect for asbestos-containing material in a school

- building; or public or commercial buildings.
3. Prepare an asbestos management plan for a school building.
4. Develop asbestos abatement project designs.
5. Conduct or supervise in-house Class I work as defined by 29 CFR 1926.1101(b).

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Individuals requesting accreditation in the state of Michigan must first take either a Michigan or EPA-approved training course. Training courses are provided by private companies in the state of Michigan. A list of training course providers can be obtained from our office or from the Asbestos Program web site. You may also contact individual trainers for their course schedule and the associated cost of the courses.

APPLYING FOR ACCREDITATION

Once the appropriate training course has been completed, an individual must apply for accreditation to the CSHD - Asbestos Program. A complete application must include the following:

1. A complete training history for an initial application or the current refresher training certificate for a renewal application.
2. A thoroughly complete accreditation application.
3. A check, money order, or cashier's check for the appropriate fee made payable to: "State of Michigan."
4. An original color photo **and** a copy of additional photo identification (i.e., driver's license).

The fee schedule for accreditation or reaccreditation is as follows:

	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Renewal</u>
Abatement Worker	\$ 50.00	\$25.00
Contractor/Supervisor	\$ 50.00	\$25.00
Inspector	\$150.00	\$75.00
Management Planner	\$150.00	\$75.00
Project Designer	\$150.00	\$75.00

Please note that the renewal due date is 30 days

before the certificate of accreditation expires. The renewal application must be received in our office by this date or the fee reverts to the initial accreditation fee. This ensures that individuals working in the asbestos industry maintain current accreditation.

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

For individuals seeking accreditation as an Inspector, Management Planner, or Project Designer, a résumé must be submitted with the application. The résumé must include the percentages of time spent performing work in the respective discipline:

1. Inspector

- a. One year of experience in asbestos-related work or general building inspections related to environmental and health concerns; or
- b. At least five years of supervisory experience in general building operations and maintenance.

2. Management Planner and Project Designer

- a. No less than two years of experience in asbestos-related work; or
- b. At least five years of experience in school building operations and maintenance.

"Year of experience in asbestos-related work" is defined by CSHD to mean a year of work in which at least 25% of the individual's working time was spent on asbestos-related work, or an equivalent amount of work over more than 1 year's time if it was conducted after January 1, 1983.

AN INITIAL APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN

- The completed Accreditation Application Form.
- The appropriate fee.
- A complete training history including the initial and ALL subsequent refresher training certificates.
- A résumé for Inspectors, Management Planners, and Project Designers.
- An original color photo **and** a copy of photo ID (i.e., driver's license)

A RENEWAL APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN

- The complete Accreditation Application Form.
- The appropriate fee.
- The current refresher training certificate.
- An original color photo **and** a copy of photo ID (i.e., driver's license)

A renewal application MUST be received in the Asbestos Program office 30 days prior to the expiration date of the current accreditation card or it will be treated as an initial application which requires the initial fee.

Please note, a renewal application which has been allowed to lapse, must include a letter explaining why the accreditation was allowed to expire, and detailing the work activities between the expiration date and the current date.

LOST CARD REPLACEMENT

Lost cards may be replaced by submitting:

- A letter designating which card must be replaced, including an explanation, a social security number, current address, and legal signature.
- A \$25.00 replacement card fee in the form of a check, money order, or cashier's check made payable to: "State of Michigan."

The Asbestos Program performs the following services:

- Approves asbestos-related training courses.
- Accredits professionals in the asbestos abatement industry.
- Licenses asbestos abatement contractors.
- Maintains databases of approved trainers, licensed contractors, accredited individuals, and asbestos projects.
- Investigates asbestos-related compliance issues.
- Reviews AHERA management plans.

For additional information, please contact us at:

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Acquiring an Asbestos CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION



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